

COMMON SENSE LEGAL REFORM ACT

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported amended Title II, Reform of Private Securities Litigation of H.R. 10, Common Sense Legal Reform Act.

AGE DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations approved for full Committee action H.R. 849, Age Discrimination in Employment Amendments of 1995.

OSHA

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Occupational Safety and Health Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION ACT; REGULATORY REFORM AND RELIEF ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 925, Private Property Protection Act of 1995; and H.R. 926, Regulatory Reform and Relief Act.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on Fiscal Year 1996 budget requests for the following: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; the National Marine Fisheries Service; and certain programs of the NOAA. Testimony was heard from D. James Baker, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce; and Mollie Beattie, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

SELF-EMPLOYMENT HEALTH INSURANCE DEDUCTION

Committee on Rules: By a voice vote, granted a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 831, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the deduction for the health insurance cost of self-employed individuals, to repeal the provisions permitting nonrecognition of gain on sales and exchanges effectuating policies of the Federal communications Commission. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The rule makes in order an amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the report on the rule if offered by Rep. Gibbons or a designee, which is not subject to amendment, debatable for one-hour, and waives all points of order

against the amendment. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer and Representatives Gibbons, Rangel, Stark, Ford, Cardin, McDermott, Neal and Mfume.

EPA R&D PROGRAMS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on EPA Research and Development Programs: Fiscal Year 1996 Authorization. Testimony was heard from Robert J. Huggett, Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development, EPA; and a public witness.

FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment continued hearings on the reauthorization of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue February 21.

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Aerial Reconnaissance. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings**BALANCED BUDGET ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS**

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine enforcement mechanisms for the proposed Balanced Budget Amendment, and proposals to establish a Spending Reduction Commission that would develop a priority list of cuts in the Federal budget each year, after receiving testimony from Senators Gramm and Kyl; Representatives Dan Miller and Minge; and Joe Cobb, Heritage Foundation, Marlo Lewis, Jr., Competitiveness Enterprise Institute, Grover G. Norquist, Americans for Tax Reform, Martin A. Regalia, United States Chamber of Commerce, and Thomas A. Schatz, Citizens Against Government Waste, all of Washington, D.C.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 17, 1995**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

House

No meetings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, briefing to assess the goals of United States assistance to Central and Eastern Europe and the New Independent States of the former Soviet Union, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn Building.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 20 through 25, 1995

Senate Chamber

On *Monday and Tuesday* Senate will not be in session.

On *Wednesday*, Senator Thomas will read Washington's Farewell Address, following which Senate will resume consideration of H.J. Res. 1, Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment.

During the balance of the week, Senate will continue consideration of H.J. Res. 1, Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment, and consider certain amendments to be proposed thereto.

Senate may also consider any cleared executive and legislative business.

(Senate will recess on Wednesday, February 22, 1995, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: February 22 and 24, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996, Wednesday, for the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Selective Service System, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Consumer Information Center, and the Office of Consumer Affairs, 9:30 a.m.; Friday, for the American Battle Monuments Commission, and Cemetery Expenses, Army, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

February 22, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for foreign assistance, focusing on the former Soviet Union, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: February 23, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the military strategies and operational requirements of the unified commands, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 22, to hold hearings to examine the state of the Federal Reserve System, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Budget: February 22, to hold hearings on income tax reform proposals, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

February 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: February 22, to hold hearings on S. 219, to ensure economy and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on regulatory rulemaking actions, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

February 23, Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up S. 219, to ensure economy and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on regulatory rulemaking actions, S. 4, to grant the power to the President to reduce budget authority, and S. 14, to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed cancellations of budget items, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 22, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings on S. 343, to reform the regulatory process, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

February 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the use of the exclusionary rule, focusing on juries and the search for truth, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: February 22, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Ryan White Care Act of 1990, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

February 23, Subcommittee on Education, Arts and Humanities, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Select Committee on Intelligence: February 22, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House Chamber

Monday, House not in session.

Tuesday, Consideration of H.R. 831, Deduction of Health Insurance Costs for the Self-Employed (modified rule, 1 hour of general debate).

Wednesday, H.R. 889, Department of Defense Supplemental Appropriations;

H.R. 845, Rescission Bill (subject to a rule being granted); and

H.R. 830, Paperwork Reduction Act (subject to a rule being granted).

Thursday and Friday, Complete consideration of H.R. 830, Paper Reduction Act; and

H.R. 450, Regulatory Transition Act (subject to a rule being granted).

NOTE.—Conference reports may be brought up at any time. Any further program will be announced later.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, February 23, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, hearing on the Effects of the